

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

**SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 6**

(By Senator Unger)

1 Amending Senate Rule Nos. 3, 14, 15, 27 and 62, all relating  
2 generally to the officers, organization and operation of the  
3 Senate.

4 *Resolved by the Senate:*

5 That Senate Rule No. 3 be amended to read as follows:

6 **Officers**

7 3. The Senate, at the commencement of each new Legislature,  
8 shall elect as its officers a President, Clerk, Sergeant at Arms  
9 and Doorkeeper. If at any time the President ~~becomes acting~~ is  
10 obligated to act as Governor pursuant to Article VII, Section 16 of  
11 the West Virginia Constitution, the Senate shall immediately elect  
12 one of its remaining members to serve as ~~acting~~ Acting President.  
13 The ~~acting~~ Acting President shall act and serve at all times when  
14 the duly elected President is ~~serving as~~ acting as Governor and  
15 shall perform all of the duties of the office of Senate President  
16 without limitation: ~~Provided, That the acting~~ , including any  
17 duties imposed by the West Virginia Constitution, any statute, the  
18 Senate Rules and any adopted Joint Rules of the Senate and House of  
19 Delegates, and he or she shall receive the compensation and

1 expenses of the President of the Senate as provided in article two-  
2 a, chapter four of the Code of West Virginia. The Acting President  
3 shall not be in the line of succession ~~for acting~~ to act as  
4 Governor under the provisions of Article VII, Section 16 of the  
5 West Virginia Constitution. The vote of a majority of all the  
6 members elected to the Senate shall be necessary for the election  
7 of these officers and the vote shall be by voice vote and be  
8 entered upon the Journal.;

9 That Senate Rule No. 14 be amended to read as follows:

#### 10 **Bills and Resolutions**

11 14. No Senate bill, other than a Senate supplementary  
12 appropriation bill, and no Senate joint resolution shall be  
13 introduced in the Senate after the forty-first day of a regular  
14 session unless permission to introduce the bill or the joint  
15 resolution be given by a Senate resolution, setting out the title  
16 to the bill or the joint resolution and adopted by a two-thirds vote  
17 of the Senate members present. When permission is requested to  
18 introduce a bill or joint resolution under the provisions of this  
19 rule, ~~quadruplicate~~ duplicate copies of the bill or the joint  
20 resolution shall accompany the resolution when introduced and all  
21 such bills or joint resolutions shall be filed electronically with  
22 the Clerk's office.

23 A standing committee of the Senate may originate a bill or  
24 resolution and report the same after the forty-first day.

The forty-first day of the regular session held in the year one thousand nine hundred seventy-seven and every fourth year thereafter shall be computed from and include the second Wednesday of February of such years.;

That Senate Rule No. 15 be amended to read as follows:

15. Each bill or resolution for introduction shall be presented in ~~quadruplicate~~ duplicate and electronically, bearing the name of the member or members by whom it is to be introduced, and shall be filed with the Clerk not later than twelve o'clock meridian on the legislative day next preceding its introduction: *Provided*, That the pre-filing requirement shall not apply to the first day of any session of the Legislature. A bill may be introduced by request. All bills introduced by request shall bear the words "by request", following the designation of the name or names of the bill sponsor or sponsors.

The Clerk shall designate one copy of a bill or resolution the official copy and it shall constitute the official bill or resolution for use of committees and for the permanent files of the Senate. One copy shall be used for printing and copying, ~~one for the use of the news media and one for the Clerk's general office files.~~

That Senate Rule No. 27 be amended to read as follows:

## Committees

27. At the commencement of each Legislature, standing

committees shall be appointed, each committee to consist of the number of members indicated in the parentheses following the naming of the committee. The following committees shall be named:

1. On Agriculture (11).
2. On Banking and Insurance (13).
3. On Confirmations (9).
4. On Economic Development (14).
5. On Education (14).
6. On Energy, Industry and Mining (13).
7. On Enrolled Bills (5).
- ~~7.~~ 8. On Finance (17).
- ~~8.~~ 9. On Government Organization (14).
- ~~9.~~ 10. On Health and Human Resources (13).
- ~~10.~~ 11. On Interstate Cooperation (7); (the ~~President~~ presiding officer of the Senate is to be ex officio cochairperson).
- ~~11.~~ 12. On the Judiciary (17).
- ~~12.~~ 13. On Labor (11).
- ~~13.~~ 14. On Military (9).
- ~~14.~~ 15. On Natural Resources (13).
- ~~15.~~ 16. On Pensions (7).
- ~~16.~~ 17. On Rules ~~(10)~~ (11); (the ~~President~~ presiding officer of the Senate is to be ex officio chairperson).
- ~~17.~~ 18. On Transportation and Infrastructure (9).;

And,

That Senate Rule No. 62 be amended to read as follows:

## Parliamentary Procedure

62. In all cases not provided for by ~~these~~ the Rules of the Senate or any adopted Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Delegates, the Senate shall be governed by *Jefferson's Manual* and *Rules of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress* and practices thereunder.